



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

## CR-105 (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.353)

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**Agency:** Department of Licensing

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) WAC 308-09-015 Military spouse requesting and expedited processing and WAC 308-09-020 Military spouse licensing – Equivalency to Washington standards and temporary licensing

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The department is changing requirements for expedited licensing and timelines for temporary licensing for military spouses. This change aligns with E2SHB 1009, passed during the 2023 legislative session.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** These updates align rule with statute following the adoption of E2SHB 1009.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 18.340.020

**Statute being implemented:** E2SHB 1009, RCW 18.340.020

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Federal Court Decision?

☐ Yes

☒ No

State Court Decision?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) N/A

☐ Private

☐ Public

☐ Governmental

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**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** N/A

**Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:**

- ☐ Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;
- ☒ Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule;
- ☐ Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;
- ☒ Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;
- ☐ Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or
- ☐ Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.

**Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:**

- ☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;
- ☐ The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;
- ☐ The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or
- ☐ Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.

**Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4):** This rulemaking is to incorporate new explicit laws passed by the 2023 state legislature to allow military spouse licensing applicants to request expedited processing when they hold an active license in another jurisdiction with equivalent standards to Washington state requirements, and to require temporary licenses issued to be valid of at least 180 days.

**NOTICE**

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